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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9811

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY DOHA POUCH

AMXMBASSY JIDDA 2649

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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SUBJ: QATAR SETS CONTINENTAL SHELF GUIDELINES

1. KUWAIT PRESS JUNE 3 CARRIED REUTERS ARTICLE, DATELINED DOHA,
STATING THAT GOQ JUNE 2 ISSUED GUIDELINES FOR DEFINING ITS
OFFSHORE TERRITORIAL LIMITS AND DECLARED THAT NO NON-CITIZEN
SHOULD FISH OR OTHERWISE EXPLOIT THESE WATERS WITHOUT SPECIAL
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AUTHORITY.

2. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE, AS REPORTED BY REUTERS, FOLLOWS:

"SINCE OTHER STATES HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS EMPHASIZING THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND AUTHORITY OVER TERRITORIAL WATERS AND THE CONTINENTAL SHELF TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHER STATES, AND BECAUSE QATAR IS CONCERNED TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION OVER THESE AREAS, BASED ON THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH GIVE IT THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE SUCH AUTHORITY, AND FOR THE PROSPERITY OF ITS PEOPLE, QATAR WISHES TO EMPHASIZE WHAT IT DECLARED IN JULY, 1949, CONCERNING ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND AUTHORITY OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES AND WEALTH OVER ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF AND TERRITORIAL WATERS, AND DECLARES THE FOLLOWING":

"THE STATE OF QATAR HAS ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE AREAS ADJACENT TO ITS COAST AND TO THE COASTS OF ITS ISLANDS."

"EXTERNAL BORDERS WILL BE DEFINED ACCORDING TO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ALREADY CONCLUDED OR WHICH WILL BE CONCLUDED IN THE FUTURE, WITH OTHER STATES IN THE AREA, OR BY A MEDIAN LINE THROUGH THE AREA SEPARATING THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE TWO STATES CONCERNED".

" QATAR ALONE HAS THE RIGHT IN THE QATARI AREA TO EXPLOIT AND TO RECOVER OIL, AND TO SET UP INSTALLATIONS, AND TO INSPECT AND MAINTAIN ITS RESOURCES ON THE SEABED, BENEATH IT, OR ABOVE IT."

"NO NON-QATARI HAS THE RIGHT TO FISH OR OTHERWISE TO EXPLOIT QATARI WATERS OR THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE QATAR GOVERNMENT."

3. STATEMENT SAID LIMITS COVERED BY THIS DECLARATION WOULD BE MARKED ON MARINE CHARTS BY RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES IN DOHA.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY'S "MARITIME JURISDICTIONS IN THE PERSIAN GULF" CHART, SENT TO US BY INR, SHOWS QATAR'S ONLY POTENTIALLY DISPUTED BOUNDARY AS BEING WITH BAHRAIN. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD HOWEVER, THAT OIL COMPANIES HAVE BEEN HESITANT TO EXPLOIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIELDS LYING ON THE QATAR/UAE BOUNDARY FOR FEAR OF RAISING A BOUNDARY DISPUTE. WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO TRUTH OF THESE STORIES. IT WOULD SEEM MOST LIKELY THEY REFER TO EXPLOITATION BY ABU DHABI MARINE AREAS (ADMA) (OWNED BY UAEG, BP, CFP AND JAPANESE INTERESTS) OF THE BUNDAQ FIELD ON BEHALF OF BUNDAQ OIL COMPANY (APPROXIMATELY SAME OWNERSHIP AS ADMA). THIS FIELD SHOWN ON INR CHART AND UAE MAP AS STRADDLING UAE/QATAR BORDER. STOLTZFUS

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